

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Original) A lighting unit comprising:

- a light guiding plate for guiding light entering from an end face thereof along a principal surface thereof;
- a light source disposed along the end face of the light guiding plate;
- a reflector configured to enclose the light source to reflect the light emitted from the light source toward the end face of the light guiding plate; and
- a housing disposed to enclose at least the reflector and configured to hold the light guiding plate;

wherein at least one contact surface of a predetermined region at which the housing and the light guiding plate contact each other is roughened.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The lighting unit according to claim 1,~~ A lighting unit comprising:

- a light guiding plate for guiding light entering from an end face thereof along a principal surface thereof;
- a light source disposed along the end face of the light guiding plate;
- a reflector configured to enclose the light source to reflect the light emitted from the light source toward the end face of the light guiding plate; and

a housing disposed to enclose at least the reflector and configured to hold the light guiding plate;

wherein at least one contact surface of a predetermined region at which the housing and the light guiding plate contact each other is roughened; and

wherein lubricant is applied to the predetermined region at which the housing and the light guiding plate are opposed to each other.

3. (Original) The lighting unit according to claim 1, wherein a sliding member is disposed on the predetermined region at which the housing and the light guiding plate are opposed to each other.

4. (Original) A lighting unit comprising:

a light guiding plate for guiding light entering from an end face thereof along a principal surface thereof;

a light source disposed along the end face of the light guiding plate;

a reflector configured to enclose the light source to reflect the light emitted from the light source toward the end face of the light guiding plate; and

a housing disposed to enclose at least the reflector and configured to hold the light guiding plate;

wherein a transparent sheet is disposed on the principal surface of the light guiding plate, and the transparent sheet is disposed on a predetermined region at which the housing and the light guiding plate are opposed to each other.

5. (Original) A liquid crystal display device comprising:
a lighting unit according to claim 1 or 4; and
a liquid crystal display panel configured to display an image by variation of transmissivity of light according to an input image signal;
wherein the liquid crystal display panel is disposed on a front surface of the lighting unit.

6. (New) A lighting unit comprising:
a light guiding plate for guiding light entering from an end face thereof along a principal surface thereof;
a light source disposed along the end face of the light guiding plate;
a reflector configured to enclose the light source to reflect the light emitted from the light source toward the end face of the light guiding plate;
a housing disposed to enclose at least the reflector and configured to hold the light guiding plate; and
a sliding member is interposed between the housing and the light guiding plate at a point of contact.